

8 June 1994

Don & Robyn Henise  
763 Greenspring Road  
Newville, PA 17241

Dear Don & Robyn,

Thank you for submitting details of the Summer Tanager you saw at King's Gap on 2 May 1993 to P.O.R.C. After careful review we regret that we are unable to accept this record at this time, as the details given were very brief and did not conclusively rule out other species of "red bird". This does not of course mean that the bird was not a Summer Tanager, but merely that the details did not allow for a concrete determination.

We encourage you to submit detailed documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Ed Kwater  
Chairman

Record # 780-03-1992

Subsequently on Saturday, 2 May 1992, Robyn and I were birding with Ramsay Koury at Kings Gap Environmental Education Center, when Robyn spotted another Summer Tanager in the forest canopy. This bird did not cooperate as well as the Messiah College bird and gave us only a quick look. We watched the bird for probably less than 30 seconds before it disappeared into the canopy.

This bird's plumage was red all over with darker redish-brown wings. Again the red was more the color of a male Northern Cardinal than the brilliant red of the Scarlet Tanager and the wings were not black like the Scarlet Tanager.

The only prior documentation that I am aware of for this species in Cumberland County is a statement from "The Centennial Checklist of the Birds of Cumberland County and Her Borders 1840 - 1943" written by Edward Snively Frey. Frey states that Summer Tanager was recorded near Pine Grove Furnace during late spring in the early thirties by Richard May.

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: **Summer Tanager (Piranga rubra)**

Date of Sighting: **2 May 1992 to 2 May 1992**

Location: **KINGS GAP ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

County: **CUMBERLAND**

Observer(s): **Don & Robyn Henise**

Date of Submission: **1992**

Submitted by: **Don & Robyn Henise**

Written Description: **YES** Photo: **NO** Specimen: **NO**

Recording: **NONE**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas				X				
N. Pulcinella				X				
E. Kwater				X				
R. Ickes				X				
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe				X				
J. Skinner				X				
TOTALS				7				
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

*F. C. Haas*

Date:

*5-6-94*

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

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TOTALS			5	2				
DECISION								

Comments: *Send for second round.*

Signature (Secretary):

*F. C. Haas*

Date:

*2-25-94*